Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur—(a) Yes.

(b) No. The new building at Pudukkad required certain improvements before it could be occupied.

The work of the new Police Inspectors.

383. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the exact nature of the work turned out by the new Inspectors, Messrs. Devassi and Mannadiar, after they returned from Vellur training?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—They are learning station work.

A caste-war list of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department.

384. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state a caste-war list of the number of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—A list containing the information called for is appended. (*Vide Appendix VI.*)

Complaints against a Sub-Inspector.

385. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether there was any complaint against Mr. Vytteeswara Ayyar, when he was acting as the Sub-Inspector of Ernakulam, that he ill-treated and insulted some respectable graduate clerks of the Huzur Office;

(b) whether any enquiry was made in the matter, and, if so, what was the result of the enquiry;

(c) whether in that connection Mr. P. Damodara Menon, the then Secretary, had recommended to the Government that Mr. Vytteeswara Ayyar should be permanently debarred from holding station charges;

(d) whether the Government gave effect to the above recommendation;

(e) if the answer to sub-section (d) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to assign reasons for the same;

(f) whether the Government gave any manner of punishment to Mr. Vytteeswara Ayyar in the matter, and, if so, what?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, but the enquiry was a confidential one.

(c) The Secretary does not make recommendations to the Diwan, but submits papers to him for orders with such office

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notes as he considers proper. Such office notes are treated confidential, and cannot therefore, be disclosed.

(d) and (e). Vide answer (c).

(f) He was warned.

A Sub-Inspector's vacancy.

386. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government have recently issued an order that qualified members of the depressed classes should be given preference to others in filling up future vacancies;

(b) whether a vacancy of a Sub-Inspector's place did arise in the Police Department since the issue of the above order, when Mr. K. Krishna Menon, the Chittur Sub-Inspector took leave;

(c) whether there was any application from a qualified member of the depressed classes for the place;

(d) whether the Government order mentioned in sub-section (a) was respected by the Head of the Department concerned, in filling up the above vacancy;

(e) if the answer to sub-section (d) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to assign reasons for the same?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) and (e). The question does not arise in view of the answer to (c) above.

The Chitrapuzha-Karingochira canal scheme.

387. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state at what state the Chitrapuzha-Karingochira backwater-drainage-canal scheme stands now, and whether the poor ryots can hope to have the benefit of the canal at an early date?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 253.

Bund for the protection of Kari niloms in Amballur.

388. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the scheme of constructing a bund for the protection of the *Kari nilams* in Amballur and Kanjiramittam villages now stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Travancore Government was addressed as to whether they would view the scheme favourably. It is understood that their investigations are not complete. Their reply is awaited.

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